

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 16, 1893, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Ave., May 16th 1893. My dear Alec:

I was too tired to write last night. I miss you very much, the house feels very quiet and lonely without you. You cannot realize it, but you are the pivot around which the household revolves, and when you are not here there seems to be a great deal of spare time. I am glad of it for I have a tremendous amount of work to do getting the house ready for summer. This morning Mr. McCurdy and I went over the boxes of old letters, and put them away again after making a rough list of them. Among other old letters I found one from Evaline Keller speaking of her visit to you with Helen, and of the engagement of Miss Sullivan. Miss Sullivan had then been with them two or three months, and Miss Keller speaks of the wonderful progress Helen had made already. It was a most interesting letter. There was one thing that troubled me, and that is, that these old letters seem to show that you had more interests than you have now. There are letters from Professor Newcomb refering to the Naval Observatory, and from General Hazen about the Weather Bureau.

I was too tired to go out to Twin Oaks today, but I will go tomorrow. Papa has gone to dine with the Russian Grand Duke this evening, and dines with him again at the Russian Embassy, but is not going to Mrs. Brice's so I shall have to decline. Lady Pauncefote hasn't invited me to her reception to him which I think mean. I've called there beside inviting her here.

All this may sound very small, but it isn't. For one thing 2 our daughters must have suitable friends, they can't associate with any but the best people. Mrs. McCammon was speaking

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of this, she said her daughters' friends were all the children of hers, so she knew all about them. I felt that I ought to be able to say this.

Daisy is trying to earn money with which to buy a horse. Mr. McCurdy has offered her a cent a minute for teaching Douglas music and I am paying her five cents a piece for covering my pictures. I think the money in both cases is honestly earned.

Yours lovingly, Mabel.